

TRINITY CHARGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Christ Church, Duncannon 9:00 A.M.
Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP February 14, 1971

The Organ Prelude

*The Hymn of Praise 452

*The Call to Worship

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, as we cease not by our sins daily to provoke thy wrath against us, grant that we may at length know what we have hitherto deserved, and become displeased with our vices. Grant that we may really and from the heart be turned to thee, and above all things seek to be reconciled to thee and received into thy favour. Rule us by thy Holy Spirit, and confirm us in true obedience and godliness, that we may share in the works of thy Kingdom, and know the grace and joy thou hast so freely given through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Kyrie

*The Assurance of Pardon

The Scripture---Luke 6:27-38

*The Gloria Patri

The Pastoral Prayer

Announcements *ELECTION*

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

*The Doxology

*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Hymn of Meditation 446

The Sermon---"Planting The Tree of Peace."

The Sermon Prayer

*The Hymn of Response 393

*The Benediction

*The Threefold Amen

*The Postlude

*Congregation Stands

CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Win-A-Chum Class meeting Friday Feb. 19th at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Dorothy Forrer. Mary Louise Dowdrick will have devotions.

TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Installation of the officers elected this morning will be held during the worship service next Sunday.

Annual Congregation Meeting and covered dish dinner will be held next Sunday Feb. 21st at 6:30 P.M. Reports from all groups will be made. Please have a representative of your group there.

Miss Pauline Stoops has now returned home and is continuing to recuperate there. She wishes to thank everyone for their well wishes and prayers.

*SEE ABOUT WINNER & OWNER
EXTRA BALLOTS, 12 TELLERS*

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Emlenton, Pennsylvania
Boy Scout Sunday - February 11, 1968
Order of Worship
Prelude "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Wilson
"Faith of Our Fathers" Hughes
Processional Hymn No. 8-Last verse standing *
* Call to Worship -Don Sloan, III, Star Scout
* Confession of Sin Page 4
* Assurance of Pardon -Page 5
Responsive Reading, Selection 48, Page 596
-Mark Jackson, Star Scout
Hymn No. 452
Scripture Lesson: St. Luke 6:27-38
-Bruce Donaldson, Tenderfoot
* Gloria Patri scout
* Apostles Creed
* Prayer and Choral Response
Anthem - "What Have I to Offer Thee?" - Hughes
Announcements
Offertory
Hymn No. 446
Sermon: "The Tree of Peace" - Mr. Ralph C. Link
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn No. 393
* Benediction
* Threefold Amen
* Postlude "To The Glory of God" -Heyser
* Congregation Standing *

Welcome to all scouts visiting us today
Three Scouts have assisted in the service as indicated
in the Order of Worship. The four scouts assisting with
the offering - Gary Sloan, William Cushing, John
Brosnahan and Richard Brosnahan. Mark Brosnahan as the
acolyte.

Bulletins were distributed by Cub Scouts, Tim Clark
and Kelly Armstrong.

Troop 41 - Scout master, Guy Shoup, Jr.
Assistant Scout Masters: Kay Henry, Bill Jackson,
Dick Graham, Jim Eaton, Steve Graham and Bud Long.

Cub Pack # 41, Cub Master: Theodore Russell.
Assistant Cub Master: Jim Wolfe

The window display in Long's Furniture Store features
all steps of scouting.

PLANTING ~~THE~~ Tree of Peace

"DO FOR OTHERS, JUST WHAT YOU WANT THEM TO DO FOR YOU"

Text Luke 6:31

LAST SUNDAY WAS BOY SCOUT SUNDAY, & TODAY AMONG OTHER THINGS IS RACE
REGISTRATIONS DAY AS WELL AS A UNIV. DAY OF PRAYER FOR STUDENTS, & ALSO VALENTINE'S
DAY.

I wonder if any of you boys can tell me what this object is that I have in my hand? What does it symbolize? It's a golden rule. You have all heard of the golden rule haven't you? It states do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Or as our modern version has it, "Do for others just what you want them to do for you." Now basically this means that we should treat other people as we would like to be treated. Most people think and believe that Jesus was the first person to ever state this. But if ~~we~~ go back into history we find that the Jews before Jesus had a rule like this.

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These Jews had two schools of thought, which was ~~brought out~~ by two different Rabbis. Rabbi Shammai was responsible for the strict, rigid and very stern thinking group. While Rabbi Hillel was the man responsible for the more liberal, lenient and gracious thinking group. The Jews had a story they told about a man who was a heathen ^{WHO} came to Rabbi Shammai and said he would become a convert if Shammai could teach him the whole law while he stood on one leg. To this Shammai became angry and chased him away. The man then went to Rabbi Hillel who accepted him as a convert and told him, "What is hateful to yourself, do to no other; that is the whole law and the rest is commentary. Go and learn." In the book of Tobit which is part of the apocrypha, Tobias teaches his son a maxim. "What thou thyself hateth to no man do." A Rabbi named Eliezer said, "Let the honor of thy friend be as dear unto thee as thine own." Confucius said, "What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others." There are still several more examples we could add to this list, but do you see the similarity? Yet there is one big difference between what Jesus said and what the other people said. The difference is that all of these other examples are negative. Christ is the first one who ever stated this rule in a positive way. All the other examples say do not, while Christ states do. The negative form is telling us to refrain from doing something. To stop doing

something ~~for~~ others. While the words of Jesus are do. In other words make some action and this action involves doing something to and for our fellow man. If we want other people to treat us with kindness we must first show kindness. If we want people to forgive us we must first forgive others. If we want other people to love us we must first show love. This is what Jesus wants us to do. If we are followers of Him and we love Him, then we shouldn't find this rule too hard to observe toward our fellowmen. But we are living in a world of much confusion today. We hear voices from all sides telling us conflicting things. We therefore may find it a little hard to separate right from wrong. We may sometimes be tempted to join the ranks of those who don't play the game according to the rules. The old adage of "it's not so much whether you win or lose, but how you play the game," seems to be outdated. Many people consider it passe or old hat. To win today is the thing. Win, regardless of the cost or what you have to do to achieve this end. Just win. But is this true? Does it make a difference whether or how we win? If we are speaking in terms of religion it ^{DOES} make a difference. And if we are speaking in the terms of what Christ would have us to do it makes a great difference. We who are supposed to be followers of Jesus must learn to set the example whether it be in school, in sports, at home or in our daily life.

To me one of the tragedies of our modern day youth programs is the little league baseball and midget league football teams. Many of the managers of these teams only play to win. To some of them it's not a matter of teaching these kids the fundamentals of the game, or sportsmanship, or trying to develop their ability; it's win, be the winner, and as a result the kids of poor ability or average ability ride the bench. They are pushed aside in favor of the boys who are more outstanding. And if we look at life in general isn't this the way many of us react? We want to be identified with a winner. We all like a winner, but in the game of life as in sports there must be a loser as well. We can begin to see what Christ really meant when he said, "Do for others just what you want them to do for you."

He meant to help the loser, those who really need our help.

Stick with those who are struggling. Play the game by the rules and don't be so concerned with the winners that we forget the losers. How we act toward others is how the others will act toward us. If we treat everyone as though they are winners we will encounter more love and good will in our lives and in our own little areas where we live or work. Now this is not to say that we will not encounter opposition. Because we will. There are still those who resist kindness and love. There are still those who will want to take a poke at us for trying to do good. But we must not let this opposition overcome either us or our purpose. Each knock is a boost as the saying goes and these knocks should firm our determination to continue our work. It isn't easy to resist opposition and it will never be easy to do so. The normal and natural thing is to retaliate, to strike back at the opposition. But if we do this we not only lower ourselves to their level, but we act in an un-Christian manner. But there are occasions when we cannot refrain from using force.

Even Jesus Himself became angry and used force to drive the profiteers from the Synagogue. But we must remember that force should only be used as our last resort, when we have no other alternative. The Boy Scout movement teaches a special emphasis on helping people and doing for others. Therefore I believe that the golden rule is being applied in the life of these scouts. The story of how scouting ^{SCOUTING MOVEMENT} ~~came into being~~ came into being is a very interesting one. Perhaps you have heard this before. To those who haven't it came about like this.

An American newspaper publisher from Chicago named William Boyce was visiting in London England. The day had been gray and overcast. The fog was very thick as it so often is in London. In fact it was so dense on this particular day that it had practically stopped all traffic, and all business in the city. It was in the fall off 1909 that this took place. Mr Boyce had been looking for a certain address and could not locate it. He stopped under a street light to try to get his bearings, when out of the fog a boy came walking up to him. "Can I help you sir", the boy asked. "You most certainly can," Mr Boyce

replied. "I have been looking for this address for some time and cannot seem to locate it. Do you know where it is? The boy replied, "I will take you to it," and he then led Mr. Boyce to the address. Mr. Boyce reached in his pocket and took out some change and handed it to the boy. The boy shook his head and said that he couldn't accept money for doing a good turn. He told him that he was a scout and scouts did not accept pay for doing good turns. "A scout, Mr. Boyce asked, and what might that be?" "Haven't you heard of the Baden Powell boy scouts sir?" He asked. Mr. Boyce hadn't, and so the boy told him about the scouts and how they came to be. After finishing his errand Mr. Boyce had the boy take him to scout headquarters. There he met the famous British general Baden Powell who had founded the scout movement two years before. Mr. Boyce was so impressed with what Baden Powell told him that he decided to bring the movement to the United States. And on February 8, 1910 in Washington D.C. Mr. Boyce and other outstanding men who were interested in boys founded the Boy Scouts of America. This day has been celebrated ever since as the birthday of American scouting. Now what happened to the boy? No one knows. He was never heard from again. But he will never be forgotten. At the International Boy Scout Training Center at Gilwell Park in England there is a beautiful bronze statue of an American buffalo. It is a large scale representation of the Silver Buffalo Award of the Boy Scouts of America. On the base the inscription reads, "To the unknown scout whose faithfulness in the performance of the daily good turn brought the scout movement to the United States of America." One good turn to one man, became a good turn to millions of American boys. So you never know the power of a good turn.

The power of doing good can never be counted in individual lives that have been changed. It can never be counted in the numbers that have been reached. But for each good turn we do, each person we help or care for and for the smallest thing done to help others it never goes unnoticed. Maybe we will not receive the plaudits of our fellowmen or ever see our name in print because of what we may do. But we can each one be assured that it is will be noticed.

We can rest assured that our Heavenly Father will see and notice what we do to help His children. Jesus also said inasmuch as you did it to the least of my brethren you did it to me. So you see no matter how little the deed, no matter how insignificant it may seem to us, it amounts to a great deal in the sight of God.

On the wall of the gymnasium at West Point, the United States Army military academy there is a slogan which goes, "On the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds that upon other fields on other days will bring the fruits of victory." These words were coined by a man who at the time was the superintendent of West Point. His name, General Douglas MacArthur. He lived by these words. He was not only a great leader, but a very religious man as well. These words apply not only in sports but in everyday life. So you see the golden rule can be expressed in several ways. It can be expressed as Jesus said it, Do for others just what you want them to do for you. It can be expressed in scouting as do a good turn daily. And it can be expressed in sports as the slogan on a gymnasium wall. But if we look at each of these examples we can see the underlying theme of doing for your fellowman. Show love, show kindness, give of yourself to help your brothers. Do for others just what you want them to do for you. #O brother man fold to thy heart thy brother; Where pity dwells the peace of God is there; To worship rightly is to love each other; Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer. Then shall all shackles fall; the stormy clangor of wild war music o'er the earth shall cease; Love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger, and in its ashes plant the tree of peace.

Let us Pray.